

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 3, 12, 14, 16, 20, 22-26 and 28 in accordance with the following:

1. (CANCELLED)
2. (CANCELLED)
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method in a commodity sale transaction via a network, the method comprising:
 - displaying objects of use identifying specific operations implemented by commodities on a user's terminal;
 - preparing a table indicative of a correspondence between the objects of use and necessary specifications required ~~to attain for~~ the commodities;
 - acquiring a specification corresponding to at least one object of use selected by a user via the terminal from the table based on said correspondence, said acquiring being subsequent to selection of the at least one object of use indicating a desired operation from the displayed objects of use of the commodities;
 - retrieving the commodities based on the acquired specification as a retrieval condition;
 - and
 - displaying, on the terminal, information on a commodity having specifications corresponding to the selected object of use without requiring the user's knowledge of specifications corresponding to the at least one object of use selected by the user.
4. (ORIGINAL) The commodity retrieval method according to claim 3, wherein the network is Internet.

5-11 (CANCELLED)

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer apparatus acting as a server that provides a commodity sale transaction site on Internet, the computer apparatus executing a transaction with an Internet terminal by way of Internet, the apparatus comprising:

a database ~~of a commodity~~ storing information of commodities for sale, the information identifying necessary specifications required for the commodities and objects of use of the commodities;

a communication unit for transmitting information for displaying objects of use identifying specific operations implemented by said commodities on the Internet terminal; and

a retrieval unit for retrieving the database based on at least one object of use selected by a user operating the Internet terminal, said retrieving being subsequent to selection of the at least one object of use indicating a desired operation from the displayed objects of use of the commodities; and

where the communication unit transmits information of a commodity having a specification corresponding to the selected object of use to the Internet terminal without requiring the user's knowledge of the specification corresponding to the selected object of use by the user.

13. (CANCELLED)

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer apparatus acting as a client terminal on Internet and executing a transaction via Internet with a server that provides a commodity sale transaction site on Internet, the computer apparatus comprising:

a communication unit receiving information of items for a plurality of objects of use of commodities from the server, the plurality of objects of use identifying specific operations implemented by the commodities and corresponding to necessary specifications required for the commodities;

a display unit displaying the plurality of objects of use of the commodities; and
an input unit selecting at least one of the displayed objects of use of the commodities,
and

where the communication unit transmits to the server the selected object of use, receives from the server information of a commodity having a specification among said specifications of commodities corresponding to the selected object of use, without requiring a user's knowledge of the specification corresponding to the selected object of use, subsequent to indication of a desired operation by the user, and the display unit displays the received information.

15. (CANCELLED)

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable medium embodying a program for causing a computer to execute operations including a commodity sale transaction with a user's terminal via a network, said operations comprising:

displaying objects of use identifying specific operations implemented by commodities for sale on the terminal;

preparing a table indicative of a correspondence between the objects of use and necessary specifications required ~~to attain for~~ for the commodities;

acquiring a specification corresponding to at least one object of use selected by a user operating the terminal from the table based on said correspondence, said acquiring being subsequent to selection of the at least one object of use indicating a desired operation from the displayed objects of use of commodities;

retrieving the commodities for sale on the basis of the acquired specification as a retrieval condition; and

transmitting to the terminal data on a commodity having specifications corresponding to the selected object of use without requiring the user's knowledge of the specifications corresponding to the selected object of use by the user.

17-19 (CANCELLED)

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A program storage device readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer for executing a commodity sale transaction with a user's terminal by way of a network, the method comprising:

displaying objects of use identifying specific operations implemented by commodities for sale on the terminal;

preparing a table indicative of a correspondence between the objects of use and specifications required ~~to attain for~~ for the commodities;

acquiring a specification corresponding to at least one object of use selected by a user operating the terminal from the table based on said correspondence, said acquiring being subsequent to selection of the at least one object of use indicating a desired operation from the displayed objects of use of commodities;

retrieving a database of the commodities for sale on the basis of the acquired

specification as a retrieval condition; and

transmitting to the terminal data on a commodity having specifications corresponding to the selected object of use without requiring the user's knowledge of the specifications corresponding to the selected object of use by the user.

21. (CANCELLED)

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A program storage device readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer for executing a commodity sale transaction with a user's terminal by way of a network, the method comprising:

displaying specifications of commodities for sale on the terminal;

preparing a table indicative of a correspondence between objects of use of the commodities and specifications required ~~to attain for~~ the commodities, the objects of use identifying specific operations implemented by the commodities;

acquiring a specification corresponding to at least one object of use selected by a user operating the terminal from the table based on said correspondence, said acquiring being subsequent to selection of the at least one object of use indicating a desired operation from the displayed objects of use of commodities;

retrieving a database of the commodities for sale on the basis of the acquired specification as a retrieval condition; and

transmitting to the terminal data on a commodity having the retrieved specification without requiring the user's knowledge of the specification corresponding to the selected object of use by the user.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method for a commodity sale transaction, comprising:

displaying selectable commodities usage information identifying specific operations implemented by corresponding to commodities via a terminal, said usage information corresponding to specifications required for the commodities;

acquiring a specification corresponding to ~~at least one of the selectable commodities~~ usage information selected by a user, said acquiring being subsequent to selection of the ~~at least one~~ usage information indicating a desired operation from the displayed selectable commodities usage information; and

retrieving the commodities based on the acquired specification as a retrieval condition

and displaying data regarding a commodity having specifications corresponding to the selected commodities usage information on the terminal without requiring the user's knowledge of the specification corresponding to the usage information selected by the user.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method for a commodity sale transaction, comprising:

receiving a ~~selection of at least one selectable commodities~~ selected usage information corresponding to ~~commodities~~ a commodity via a terminal, where ~~each selectable commodities~~ usage information of commodities corresponds with to a respective specification information and identifies specific operations implemented by the commodities; and

retrieving and displaying data regarding a commodity having specifications corresponding to the ~~selection of at least one selectable commodities~~ selected usage information subsequent to a user's selection of ~~a desired operation from selectable commodities~~ the usage information displayed via the terminal when the user indicates a desired operation and without requiring the user's knowledge of the specifications corresponding to the selected usage information.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method for a commodity sales transaction, comprising:

automatically displaying a specification information of the commodity subsequent to an input of a selection of usage information by a user from ~~commodities~~ usage information of commodities identifying specific operations implemented by the commodities displayed to the user, where the usage information is stored correspondingly with respective specification information a commodity to provide the user with ~~the respective~~ specification information of the commodity without requiring the user to have knowledge of the specification information.

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method for a commodity sales transaction, comprising:

storing attribute information of commodities available for sale and displaying an object of use identifying specific operations implemented by each of the commodities for sale based on the stored attribute information, the object of use corresponding to necessary specifications required for the commodities; and

enabling a user to make a selection from the displayed object of use and providing information of a corresponding commodity to the user subsequent to the selection of a desired

operation from said specific operations implemented by the commodities.

27. (CANCELLED)

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A commodity retrieval method, comprising:
determining a commodity meeting a need of a user in response to a selection from
operations implemented by components of commodities by the user, said operations
corresponding to specifications and object of uses of the commodities; and
retrieving only a list of commodities matching a desired operation selected from said
operations by the user subsequent to said determining and allowing the user to select a
commodity from the list.